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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT BY CHIEF BUTHELEZI

REF: A. LONDON 11715 B. STATE 175935

1. SPOKE WITH CHIEF BUTHELEZI JULY 29 RE PROPOSAL RAISED BY PICTON MBATHA IN LONDON (REF A). BUTHELEZI CLAIMED TO HAVE NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT ITS STRUCTURE. HE NOTED IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR ALL THE PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS TO BE ABSENT FROM SOUTH AFRICA SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE OBSERVED THAT THE IDEA MIGHT REPRESENT AN EXCESS OF ZEAL ON THE PART OF HIS SUPPORTERS AND THAT ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE OF THEM, WALTER FELGATE, HAD BEEN IN LONDON SHORTLY BEFORE MBATHA CONTACTED LONDON EMBOFF.

2. BUTHELEZI WAS COMPLETELY AMENABLE TO DISCUSSING IMPROVEMENT OF COORDINATION BETWEEN USG AND HIMSELF, ESPECIALLY SINCE PROBLEMS HAD APPARENTLY JUST BEEN CAUSED BY ANOTHER BUTHELEZI SUPPORTER'S UNAUTHORIZED CONTACTS WITH US (AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWAZI) GOVERNMENTS. BUTHELEZI SAID HE AGREED IT WAS MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO TIGHTEN CONTACTS AND NOTED HE WOULD HEREAFTER CONTACT AMBASSADOR BOWDLER OR DCM NELSON IN PRETORIA (POSSIBLY ON OCCASIONS THROUGH GIBSON THULA), OR MYSELF IN DURBAN, ON MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN BETWEEN HIMSELF, INKATHA AND USG.

3. BUTHELEZI RAISED POSSIBILITY OF A TRIP TO THE U.S. BY ZULU

KING GOODWILL (SUBJECT RECENTLY RAISED WITH CONOFF BY A BUTHELEZI SUPPORTER, A UKCIT MISSIONARY). BUTHELEZI SAID THE MISSIONARY, NOEL JAMES, HAD ACTED WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY IN APPROACHING U.S. (AND LATER SWAZI) GOVERNMENTS REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR KING'S VISIT. THIS WAS CLEARLY BUTHELEZI'S RESPONSIBILITY ALONE, HE SAID. HE ASKED US TO DISREGARD ANY PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRIP AND WAIT TO HEAR OFFICIALLY FROM HIM WHETHER IT WOULD TAKE PLACE AND IN WHAT CAPACITY KING MIGHT BE TRAVELLING TO U.S.
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